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In re PATENT application of

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For: CELLULAR BASE

STATION WITH INTEGRATED MULTIPOINT
RADIO ACCESS AND INTERCELL LINKING



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

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This is being filed concurrently with the filing of this continuing patent application and follows an Official Action of March 24, 2000 in the parent application. As June 24, 2000 fell on a weekend and this is being filed on the following weekday, no extension of time is necessary. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel Claims 1-23 without prejudice and insert the following claims:

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- 2 An interface system at a base station in a cell within a cellular wireless
3 network for providing bi-directional wireless communications to Network Interface Unite
4 (NIUs) within the cell and for providing a point to point inter-cell radio link for
5 communicating with a base station in a neighboring cell comprising; a multi-services switch
6 equipped with a first one or more radio interface card for providing wireless communications
7 between the base station and the NIUs and a second one or more interface card for providing
the inter-cell radio link.